

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. Heading

Date: January 18, 1995

Subject: Pyridium Mercury Disposal Site No. 1
Village of Harriman, Orange County, NY

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II. Background

SITE NO.:	EV
Delivery Order:	2001-02-060
Response Authority:	CERCLA
CERCLIS NO.:	N/A
NPL Status:	Not on NPL
State Notification:	NYSDOH Notified
Action Memorandum Status:	Under Preparation
Start Date:	January 9, 1995
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

III. Site Information

The Pyridium Mercury Disposal Site No. 1 is a trailer park located at the intersection of NY State Route 17M and Harriman Heights Road in the Village of Harriman NY. Five residential mobil home trailers are located on site.

Results of analysis of a white clay-like material used to fill low-lying areas of the site indicate elevated concentrations of mercury. This material is reportedly a waste product generated from the production of niacinamide by the Pyridium Corporation in the 1940's.

Nepera Inc., Harriman NY signed an Administrative Order on Consent with EPA agreeing to fund relocation of the residents of the trailer park.

IV. Response Information

A. Situation

1. Current situation

To date, Nepera has distributed relocation settlements to eligible residents of the trailer park and one trailer has been vacated.

2. Removal activities to date

On January 9, 1995, the OSC, TAT and the ERCS contractor mobilized to secure and stabilize the site. During the week, Trailer No. 1 which had been vacated, was decontaminated and outfitted as the command post. A deck measuring 8 feet by 14 feet which was attached to Trailer No. 1 was disassembled and moved to a new location at the request of the trailer owner. A fence around Trailer No. 5 was taken down.

On January 10, EPA met with trailer residents, a representative of Nepera and Luara Jean - The Trailer Queen to determine a schedule for relocation and removal of the remaining trailers. All trailers are scheduled to be vacated by February 1, 1995.

On January 12 the OSC, TAT and the ERCS contractor demobilized from site.

3. Enforcement

The waste found on site was reportedly generated by the Pyridium Corporation during the 1940s. Nepera Inc. currently occupies and operates the facility previously operated by the Pyridium Corporation.

On November 28, 1994, Nepera Inc., signed an Administrative Order on Consent with EPA agreeing to fund relocation of the residents of the trailer park.

B. Planned Removal Actions

The scope of work for the proposed removal action includes decontamination and removal of the mobile homes, storage sheds and decks from the trailer park; shutting off and disconnecting utilities (water, sewer and electric); removal of heating oil and propane storage tanks; and posting warning signs.

C. Next Steps

An Action Memorandum confirming verbal authorization of the current removal action is being prepared.

EPA, ERCS and TAT will return to site to secure and decontaminate the trailers as they are vacated.

D. Key Issues

None.

V. Cost Information (as of 1/13/94)

	Project Ceiling	Cost to Date	Funds Remaining
ERCS Contractor Costs	\$ 75,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 67,000
TAT Contractor Costs	15,000	2,274	12,726
EPA Costs	10,000	2,400	7,600
TOTAL	100,000	12,674	87,326

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. Disposition of Wastes

N/A

